

Appl. No. 10/507,198  
Amendment and/or Response  
Reply to Office action of 24 March 2006

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REMARKS / DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application.

Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) the Examiner to acknowledge ~~the claim for~~  
priority and receipt of certified copies of all the priority document(s).

Applicant(s) thank(s) the Examiner for indicating acceptance of the drawings.

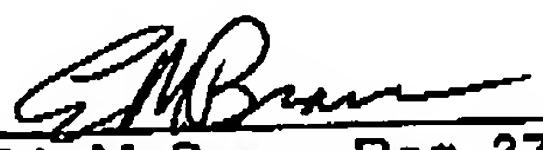
Claims 1-10 are amended for non-statutory reasons: to correct one or more informalities, remove figure label number(s), and/or to replace European-style claim phraseology with American-style claim language. Except as noted below, the claims are not changed in scope and no new matter is added.

The Office action rejects claims 1-10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for allegedly containing indefinite terminology in claims 1, 3, and 5 -7. Those claims are amended to remove the indefinite language. Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 USC 112 rejection is respectfully requested.

Regarding the objection to the term "and/or", the undersigned believes that "and/or" is now deemed acceptable by the USPTO for use in patent claims, to avoid the unwieldy type of language formerly used in its place. However, to facilitate prosecution applicant has replaced that term in the claims with the "at least one of \_\_\_ and \_\_\_" type of language more frequently used in the last decade.

In view of the foregoing, applicant(s) respectfully request(s) that the Examiner withdraw the objection(s) and/or rejection(s) of record, allow all the pending claims, and find the application in condition for allowance. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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